

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission**  
**City of Jasper, Indiana held October 4, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at the Jasper Arts Center with President Gerald Gagne presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present**: Gerald Gagne, Robin Norris, Don Routson, Michael Jones, Myra Schuetter, and Sylvia Metzger. **Commission Members Absent**: Doug Abbett, Gloria Buecher, Ann Hilgefort, Pat Thyen and Don Weisheit. **Staff Members Present**: Darla Blazey, Doreen Lechner, Kit Miracle, and Kelley Leuck. **Regional Services Coordinator**: Jill Watson. **Guests in Attendance**: Councilmen: Butch Schitter, Ray Howard, and Tom Schmidt; ACT representative, Beth Seidl.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Don Routson** moved, **Sylvia Metzger** seconded the approval of the minutes of the September 6, 2005 board meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

**City Financial Statement**

**Don Routson** moved to approve the financial statement. **Mike Jones** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

**City Claims and Regional Partnership Grant Claims**

City claims in the amount of \$39,476.80 were presented. Regional Partnership Grant claims in the amount of \$1,200 were presented. After conclusion of discussion, it was moved by **Don Routson** to accept the claims as presented. **Mike Jones** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

**Public Business**

Beth Seidl with ACT passed out a list of items for board members to look at. ACT is looking for suggestions to help them become a better organization. Board members agreed to discuss the list and offer suggestions at a later date.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Visual Arts Report**

Kit reported.

- The juried show is over.
- An open house for children and their parents was held at the satellite space on September 17. It was very well attended.
- There will be a workshop on October 29 for middle school students on building sculptures at the satellite space. It is being held in conjunction with the Sports in Art Exhibit.
- All the clay projects have been fired; most of the pieces have been picked up.
- JCAC has put an offer in on a used kiln; it is very large and in excellent condition for only being 4 years old. It can be purchased in January.
- Fall classes have started.
- The first art lecture class will be on October 16. French food will be served. Jennifer Wohlberg is the guest lecturer.
- The Deanne Dunbar exhibit is now in the gallery.

**Education Report**

Darla reported for Donna.

- Gary Krinsky will be performing his "Toying with Science" show for the middle school students on November 2.
- "Super Scientific Circus" will be performed at the Arts Center on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for Jasper students in grades K-5.
- On November 9<sup>th</sup> national arts education speaker Kathleen Gaffney will be in Jasper to kick off the Kennedy Center partnership program for teachers.

## **Buldings & Structures Report**

Doreen reported.

- On October 30<sup>th</sup> Scott Saalman will be giving a writing lecture at the Arts Center for the “Seniors—Experience the Arts” program.
- During ISTEP testing 17 Jasper High School seniors provided community service at the Arts Center. They replaced the drop ceiling in the community room. They also trimmed the landscaping around the building.
- There have been several building usage inquiries. Rentals are up.
- On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Broadway will be here to kick off the Performer Series. It is perhaps the biggest show this year. 18-20 volunteers will be needed from 7 am until midnight to assist backstage.
- The City auction will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>. There are 5 optique 15” computer monitors that will be sold at auction. **Robin Norris** moved that the monitors be declared as surplus. **Myra Schuetter** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

## **Region 11 Report**

Jill reported.

- The IAC has yet not sent the FY06 grant money.
- Six of the fifteen grant agreements have been returned.
- On October 25<sup>th</sup> the grant award ceremony will be held. State legislators will be in attendance.
- A cultural planning meeting was held at Jasper High School on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Performing Arts Report**

Darla reported.

- Michael Cooper’s “Masked Marvels and Wondertales” program was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approximately 150 people attended. 65 people attended the mask-making workshop that followed the show.
- 606 people have bought Performer Series tickets. Several performances have multiple shows and tickets are still available. Extra advertising is being planned for the Broadway show. 117 tickets have been sold for the Backstage Series. Chapter 6 will be open for more seating in the auditorium. The 5:30 dinner with the Lincolns is sold out.
- The IU alumni association is interested in hosting a reception with Chris Botti. His agent will be contacting Darla if permission is granted.
- Darla and Donna attended the Arts Midwest conference in September. The performing arts committee will be meeting at a later date to work on the 2006-2007 line up.
- It will cost \$60 to have the JCAC logo set for embroidery. Don Routson has agreed to pay the set up fee. There is a website – [cafepress.com](http://cafepress.com) – that will put the logo on a number of items with no set number to order or set up fee.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mike Jones reported.

- Robin, Darla, Jeanne Campbell, and Mike attended the city council meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The building expansion ordinance was discussed. The council will vote on the ordinance at the next meeting. **Don Routson** made a motion to recommend the establishment of an “Arts Center Renovation/Expansion Fund” to the Common Council of the City. **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- Bob McCarty will be meeting with consultant Jamie Levy on Friday to talk to him about Friends of the Arts fundraising.

### **New Business**

Darla reported.

- Bryan Freson, Building/Technical Assistant, has notified Darla of his intent to resign his position; he will continue to work until a replacement is found. **Mike Jones** made a motion to fill the vacancy of the Building/Technical Assistant position. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- Numerous ideas and suggestions concerning ACT were discussed by the board. Darla will make a list and forward it to ACT.

### **Adjournment**

**Mike Jones** made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm, **Don Routson** seconded.

Motion passed 6-0. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday November 1, 2005 at 4:30 pm.

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Gerald Gagne – President

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Don Routson

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